

Recommendations and Problems, Monthly Reports for the Month of

July 1957

CARTOGRAPHY DIVISION

FAR EAST COMPILATION BRANCH

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stuff only*

Up until the present, BGN/NIS policy has been the standard for names shown on maps produced by D/GC other than specifically for NIS. It is felt that the policy should be altered to permit the prior use of native forms and the inclusion of conventionals in parens if the compiling unit feels that it is necessary. Some criticism has been voiced when most of the names have been native form, but a few isolated instances of conventional usage have occurred and it isn't clear to the user what the reason may be. BGN doesn't require the use of the conventional but gives both forms and leaves it to the user to decide which he shall use. OBI has arbitrarily (and properly so) decided that it will use conventional forms wherever the BGN has given one; the rendering of conventionals has been largely at the request of BGN. For other than NIS use, conventional forms are not required but are used at the discretion of the individual producing the map or text.

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What point
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made?*

The pressure of work placed upon the Terrain unit of the Construction Branch is such that it seems that some of the more important production of the Compilation Branches is pushed into the background. An illustration is that of a map on Sinkiang which is being prepared for use in a report being written by D/GG/F and on which a great deal of time and effort has been expended by both the GG/F and GC/F. This project is a companion to one on Tibet and fills an important intelligence gap. It is not agreed that Chapter I. is so important that a project such as this should be put aside for it indefinitely.

DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION BRANCH

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The reorganization of the Branch has been accomplished with a minimum of problems. In general, the personnel is appreciative and happy with the added future possibilities for advancement and, aside from some slight discontent in two units, everyone seems to be content with their assignments.

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The production of terrain shaded maps is on schedule with Compilations's production of Chapter I maps. However, since the over-all schedule has been ~~delayed~~ delayed, and additional commitments for terrain maps have been made, future acceptance of terrain work should be carefully considered. A program of overtime work when practical has been put into effect, which will help to relieve the pressure.

MAP LIBRARY DIVISION

None reported.

PHOTO INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

None reported.

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GEOGRAPHY DIVISION

IV. PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

25X1A9a [REDACTED] presents the following: It is anticipated that the Office of the Geographer, Department of State, in particular, will continue to "throw business" our way at least until such time as Dr. Percy develops greater capabilities in his own staff. Due to the smallness of his staff, it is possible that we will continue to lend him support even after he becomes more firmly established. The question of relationships between the Geographic Area and Mr. Percy's office is to be explored in early August. In this connection, the following considerations might be borne in mind:

- ✓ 1) In acting as a clearing house for State Department policy regarding boundary and territorial questions, Mr. Percy's office performs a legitimate function that we cannot duplicate.
- ✓ 2) Mr. Percy's office receives requests for factual information from other parts of State, from other government agencies, and from outside the government that, in many instances, are passed on to us and the answers are funneled back through Mr. Percy to the requester.
- ✓ 3) We receive similar requests *for factual information* direct from the requester, and in giving answers we bypass Mr. Percy's office.
- 4) We might have an understanding with Mr. Percy that his office would continue to function mainly as a clearing house for all agencies on policy matters and that he and other agencies would rely on us for factual information.
- 5) Such an arrangement would require continual close coordination in the many borderline cases that are both questions of policy and fact.
- no! 6) The arrangement would require us to devote a considerable block of time to territorial studies questions, the burden being greater in some branches of D/GG than in others.
- no! 7) The arrangement would require us to increase our own capabilities in some areas where we are deficient.
- 8) The arrangement would begin to break down when Mr. Percy's office, because of increasing competence and added personnel, is able to do the factual job as well as the policy clearance. From this period on our own function would disappear.
- not entirely for DD/P ✓ 9) We will continue to be in the border business as long as requirements are placed on us by DD/P, Air Force, Navy, etc. for operational and planning purposes, regardless of our relation to Mr. Percy's office. Although the intelligence requirements of the two types of operation are somewhat different, they are nevertheless related.

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take up with St/I d. E area

The Near East/Africa Branch presented the following complaint, which is in violation of Office Notice R9-56 on the subject of Handling of Routed Documents: Some dispatch material that is being routed to the Economic Area first and the Geographic Area second is being held for two or three weeks and longer by the former. In some cases, the subject matter has been of long-standing interest to GG/N but until recently has not been distributed to SovBloc-oriented units.

yes.

A review of the Research Program for the Economic Research Area for FY 53 reveals scheduled research and increasing interest in areas outside the SovBloc, particularly on Egypt and on underdeveloped areas in general. Undoubtedly many aspects of the topics to be considered are not within the field of responsibility of the Geographic Area. However, in view of our long-term regional interest, it is reasonable to conclude that pertinent contributions could be made to these studies.

Is this done?

Career Preference Outlines completed to date reflect a strong interest, particularly on the part of Far East Branch analysts, in arranging for brief rotational assignments to DD/P area desks and/or OTR in order to acquire additional experience that will relate directly to D/GG's research activities in support of operational planning. [redacted] recommends that this matter be investigated at higher levels and that a clear and specific statement of policy be issued. 25X1A9a

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Experience in D/GG gives rise to the suggestion that the Career Preference Outline form be revised to permit sufficient space for more detailed discussion of the individual's long-range career plans.

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It is recommended that the aerial inspection trip now included as a part of the Photo Intelligence course be made available as plane space permits to former students who completed the course without opportunity for the aerial trip.

EDITING AND REVIEW STAFF

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The question has arisen as to whether [redacted] article on the volcanic eruption on Kamchatka is suitable material for inclusion in MR-53. The article is interesting and well written and describes a major natural phenomenon that has not been reported heretofore. Both GG/S and GG/R feel that a phenomenon of such magnitude should be reported to the intelligence community even though the implications of the eruption cannot be fully assessed at this date. It might be advisable to discuss the problem at a staff meeting since it involves the publication policy of the Division.

COORDINATION STAFF

It is anticipated that many problems will arise in effecting continuing Chapter IX coordination with ACIC in St. Louis, particularly since there is to be no direct tie line that can be used. We have been notified by the Air Force NIS Committee member that all contact, other than by regular mail, should be made through Mr. E.C. Brewster, Code 1260, Ext. 243 or 268. We have not yet explored the means by which material and information will be relayed to St. Louis by Mr. Brewster nor the length of time required.

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SOVIET MAPPING INTELLIGENCE STAFF

Done. time ?
The Army contributions on geodesy for Chapters 7 of the NIS are being transmitted via Army ACSI (formerly G-2) through the Scientific Intelligence Committee channel. As a result, NIS coordination on geodetic matters is being undertaken directly between OSI and AMS.

EUROPE BRANCH

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We believe [redacted] did a good job on his recent procurement effort and the AMS support of the program has given a healthy lift to the program. We are again aware, however, of the added benefits that D/GC derives from [redacted] 25X1A6a [redacted] who is steeped in our work even though he may specialize in a different area understands the scope of the requirements and is able to distinguish materials that are useable from the mass of other available data. The tendency [redacted] from AMS or colleges is to be more strictly [redacted]

FAR EAST/PACIFIC BRANCH

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take up with Ch. D/GC.
The overriding preference being given to NIS Chapter I maps in utilizing the terrain-rendering capabilities of D/GC seems difficult to justify. We feel that completion of such a project for a little-known but highly strategic area like Sinkiang would make a real contribution to intelligence, whereas the chief justification for doing a Chapter I terrain shading on, for example, a well-mapped Western European country like France would seem to be that it looks nice and maintains uniformity in the Chapter I format. It is recommended that (1) D/GC's commitment to NIS Chapter I maps be relaxed somewhat to permit the completion of at least a few other terrain-rendering jobs, or (2) the D/GC terrain-rendering capability be increased as soon as possible to permit accomplishment of both the Chapter I commitment and a few additional jobs. News that Admiral Layton's recent request has stimulated some non-Chapter I terrain-shading activity in D/GC is at least an encouraging step in the right direction.

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